

Minutes.....April 30, 2001

10:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, April 30, 2001, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman
Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman
Matt Brainard, Commissioner
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent but left written votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE
Dennis Crawford
Utility Division

(148) In the matter of Black Hills Power & Light, Docket No. D2001.4.40; On April 2, 2001, BHP&L filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on April 4, 2001. Requests for hearing were due by April 30, 2001. No requests have been received. This application will increase rates by \$15,639 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the default order. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(149) In the matter of America Services, Inc., Docket No. N2001.4.44; On April 10, 2001 Touch America Services, Inc., filed with the Commission a Notification of the Transfer of Assets of Touch America Services, Inc. to Touch America, Inc., request for Waiver of Customer Notification Requirements (ARM 38.5.3801), and a request for the cancellation of Touch America Services, Inc.'s Montana registration. The request for the waiver of ARM 38.5.3801 is to allow a non-disruptive transition of subscribers of a subsidiary operating company Touch America Services, to its parent, Touch America. Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the request. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(150) In the matter of T-99.27.OTH; In the Matter of City of Helena, Inquiry by the Public Service Commission Regarding Transportation of Solid Waste. The parties to this docket, an investigation of solid waste transportation by the City of Helena, have settled the underlying dispute and have agreed the PSC proceeding may be dismissed. The PSC approved the settlement on February 6, 2001. The settlement, which required the City of Helena to obtain PSC authority, has been fully implemented. Commissioner Rowe moved to dismiss the proceeding and close the docket. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

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APPEARANCE
Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(151) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of April 23, 2001. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....April 30, 2001

10:30 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, April 30, 2001, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman
Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner, via telephone
Matt Brainard, Commissioner
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist

(152) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Public Service Commission Notice of Inquiry on Demand Exchange Program – HB 645, Docket No. D2001.3.30; Commissioner Anderson moved to issue the draft notice of commission action. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, May 1, 2001, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman
Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Matt Brainard, Commissioner
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson

(153) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Valley Meadows and River Rock Water and Sewer District transfer of assets and liabilities, Docket No. D2001.3.24; Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the transfer to the district. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson

(154) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Kern v. Qwest complaint, Docket No. D2001.1.10; Commissioner Anderson moved to issue a Notice of Commission Action and institute a rulemaking stating and clarifying what unlisted and unpublished means.. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....May 1, 2001

3:00 p.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, May 1, 2001, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman
Matt Brainard, Commissioner
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

Commissioners Anderson and Stovall were absent. Commissioner Anderson did not leave a vote. Commissioner Stovall left his proxy with Chairman Feland.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh, Mike Lee

(155) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest wholesale pricing, Docket No. D2000.6.89; Commissioner Rowe moved to deny Qwest's objection to Avista data request 132(c). Chairman Feland seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0. Chairman Feland cast Commissioner Stovall's proxy aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)